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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63):

16 April 1950

Twenty tanks with guns of a caliber larger than 76.2 mm and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, presumably coming from the Korn Kaserne, were entrained at the military loading ramp.

18 April 1950

Forty-two motor vehicles and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were dispatched from the passenger railroad station toward Berlin.

19 April 1950

Sixteen SI guns were loaded at the military loading ramp on a train which already included eight boxcars and a flatcar carrying truck. The train left toward Cottbus (N 52/A 51).

20 April 1950

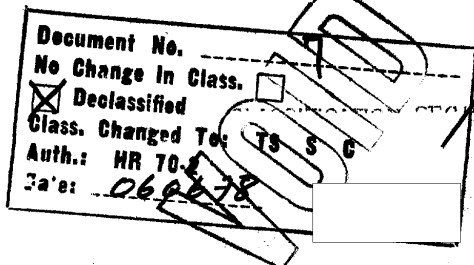
Twenty-four tanks of two different types, presumably coming from the Hindenburg Kaserne, were loaded at the military loading ramp on a train which included eight boxcars. The train left in the direction of Cottbus.

21 April 1950

Twenty tanks, coming from the Buelow Kaserne according to the numerical designations on the turrets, were loaded

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at the military ramp on a train which included 12 boxcars. The train was dispatched toward Cottbus.

23 April 1950

A train carrying five tanks with 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake, an armored vehicle without superstructure, and three trucks []

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[] left the marshaling yard in the direction of Cottbus. It included eight boxcars. *

17 April 1950

About 20 tanks from the Horn Kaserne were entrained at the military ramp. *

18 April 1950

Twenty armored vehicles with large-caliber guns, presumably SP guns, coming from the Horn Kaserne or the Hindenburg Kaserne, were parked at the loading ramp, ready for entraining. *

22 April 1950

Eight 76.2-mm guns, two charging units, two field kitchens and 16 motor vehicles with numbers of the [] coming from the Artillerie Kaserne, were entrained at the military ramp and left during the night. The train included 13 boxcars. **

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23 April 1950

Eight 76.2-mm guns, two charging units, two field kitchens, US-made trucks with numbers of the [] furniture, equipment and ammunition, coming from the Artillerie Kaserne, were entrained at the military ramp. **

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3. a. Artillery units from the Buelow Kaserne and the Horn Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder, were entrained and shipped away after mid-April 1950. Some units in the other Frankfurt/Oder barracks made preparations for departure. *

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b. A train occupied by about 250 young officers, mostly lieutenants, left the Frankfurt/Oder passenger station in the evening of 22 April 1950, heading toward Eberswalde (N 53/V 08). The officers wore new uniforms. ***

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Motor vehicles transporting personnel going on leave
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Comment:

* The observations clearly indicate that Frankfurt/Oder
units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div

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started leaving the post on
16 April 1950. The information that the trains were
dispatched toward Cottbus indicates that the troops
were bound for the Lieberose area where the 7th Gds
Mecz Div had also held its 1949 summer and fall
maneuvers. It can be assumed that the Fuerstenwalde
units of this division also started leaving for the
troop training grounds at the same time.

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Most component
units of this division are stationed in the Frankfurt/
Oder Artillerie Kaserne, some at the Waldfrieden air-
field near Fuerstenwalde. There are no leads as to
the destination of the troop trains observed. Last
year the division held its maneuvers at the Letzling
Heath.

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Presumably officers from the Soviet Union to replace
officers of component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz
Army that had been withdrawn from the Soviet Zone of
Germany during the winter.

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